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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
MASAHIKO KUBOTA ET AL.
Application No.: 10/615,289
Filed: July 9, 2003
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
FINE STRUCTURED MEMBER,
METHOD FOR PRODUCING
FINE HOLLOW STRUCTURED
MEMBER AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING LIQUID
DISCHARGE HEAD

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to recent changes to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the listed U.S. Patent documents are not enclosed (a copy of the PTO notice is attached).

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to the English Abstracts attached hereto. Applicants note that JP 6-45242 corresponds with U.S. Patent No. 4,657,631 and JP 3143307 corresponds with U.S. Patent No. 5,478,606.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

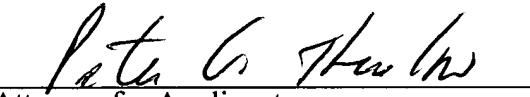
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A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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	4,657,631	04/14/87	Noguchi		156	655	
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JP	2002-326515		JAPAN				Abstract
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